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# A West Texan In Washington

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Washington

Texans predominated at the reception which Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson and Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Anderson of Vernon and their wives gave here this week at the charming old Army post, Ft. McNair.

Even some of the food came from Texas. Talk of the party was "that delicious rare roast beef," that the Andersons brought all the way from Texas. Although the hosts had placed many pounds of it at ample spots on that long buffet table, it went fast. The huge turkeys from northern New York state and the hams that were cornfed kept that hungry mob busy. Large shrimp of the kind only found along the Gulf Coast were ample. And the liquor was not the usual kind found at big parties—it was the kind you put out for best company at home.

There were only three senators noted in the crowd—Sens. Lyndon Johnson and Price Daniel of Texas and Earle Clements of Kentucky. If there was a Republican senator present, no one saw him. Former Sen. Homer Ferguson from the Wilsons' home state was on hand. Nearly all the Texas delegation in the House were there, also numerous House Republicans.

When Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Anderson got together to prepare their lists for the party, Mrs. Wilson kept saying, "Texas, Texas," as she looked down the roll.

"Yes," said Mrs. Anderson, "I want my Texans there and you see I know all my delegation in Congress. You don't know all yours."

When goodbyes were being said at the door, Wilson stopped this correspondent to give an explanation. "Wait a minute," he said, "I want Anderson to hear this, too, for he's the cause of my making you feel a little bit embarrassed at a press conference recently. Anderson had just been telling me the day before why farmers and ranchers in Texas don't want to have troops maneuvering on their land. He told me about how ranching operations get interfered with. Thus Anderson who joined in the laughter admitted his responsibility for that now well known Wilson classic: "Someone on maneuvers is always letting the fences down and the bulls get in the wrong place."

Wilson was assured that the remark was much enjoyed in Texas and elsewhere and that it made "a good story," so nobody minded.

Lt. Gen. Charles Cabell of Dallas, deputy director of Central Intelligence Agency, who was at this party in civilian clothes, was being kidded about recent reference to him as "a young military officer with a future." All friends of Gen. Cabell, who hails from the famous milk and ice cream manufacturing family of North Texas, are sure he has the future but they know he has been flying airplanes for a number of years, although he still looks young.

Gen. Cabell said it was not at all true what the article said about his boss, Allen Dulles, getting ready to resign from directing CIA.